

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An erosion control blanket for controlling erosion and blending in with a surrounding area consisting essentially of comprising:

a top sheet of a netting material having a color which tends to blend in with the surrounding area;

a bottom sheet of a netting material;

a synthetic filler material being disposed between said top sheet and said bottom sheet;

wherein said synthetic filler material comprises a plurality of crimped polymer fibers, said crimped polymer fibers being arranged to form a three-dimensional matrix;

wherein said synthetic filler material comprises a substantially post-consumer recycled polyester having a color which tends to blend in with the surrounding area.

2-3. (Canceled)

2 4. (Previously Presented) The erosion control blanket of claim 1, wherein said substantially post-consumer recycled polyester comprises post-consumer recycled polyethylene terephthalate (PET).

3 5. (Previously Presented) The erosion control blanket of claim 4, wherein said substantially post-consumer recycled polyethylene terephthalate (PET) comprises green soda bottle material.

4 6. (Original) The erosion control blanket of claim 1, wherein said synthetic filler material has a resistance to compression value of about 0.210 to about 0.285 psi/gram of fiber.

5 7. (Previously Presented) The erosion control blanket of claim 1, wherein said synthetic filler material has a percent recovery value of at least about 90% following application of a 0.5 psi compressive load for a period of 5.0 minutes.

8. (Canceled)

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9. (Previously Presented) The erosion control blanket of claim 1, wherein said crimped polymer fibers comprise additives to increase resistance to ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

10-18. (Canceled)